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The Need to Address Local Schools Performance/Activities

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/3/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:00

Description: KLEW News reported that Idaho's teacher of the year was announced today and is Kelli Smith who teaches 8th grade math at Sacajawea Junior High in Lewiston. She is a Lapwai High School graduate and Lewis-Clark State College Alumni. She says she tries to make math fun for her students by using different hands on things like take Barbie dolls bungee jumping or use colored bubbles and explore pi that way. Kelli Smith will now go on to compete for the national title.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/19/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:22

Description: KLEW News reported that 3rd graders from several area school districts are at Lewis-Clark State College this week for Space Days. LCSC Education students Tara Eikum and Jessi Smith say it is nice hands-on experience as interns to be able to watch the kids get excited to learn. The kids were launching rockets, looking at ice from mars, and viewing the different plants. There were 5 different stations with space activities, all taught by LCSC education students.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/20/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:50

Description: KLEW News reported that Washington State University is preparing to ask the state of Washington for 15 million dollars to overhaul what university officials call a deteriorating system. The decision was made today by the Board of Regents to request 22 million dollars for a new student information system. Washington State University News Service Director James Tinney tells Action News the computerized system, which handles student admissions records, broke down for a few days in the beginning of the school year.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/23/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:54

Description: KLEW News reported that the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation are launching a statewide campaign called "Idaho Go On." As part of the effort, the foundation is spending \$20 million to fund scholarships for Idaho students, increase the reach of the Idaho Education Network and launch an awareness campaign that includes billboards, television and radio ads. Both University of Idaho and Lewis-Clark State College are getting a million dollars as part of the effort to be used beginning next semester.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 12/17/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:38

Description: KLEW News reported that the meeting last night in Lewis-Clark State College's Snake River Conference Room was to talk about the possibility of Idaho receiving an education grant created through the federal Stimulus package. Idaho State Department of Education Public Information Officer Melissa McGrath says stakeholders from all the state's education departments have been meeting about the grant weekly with Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna. Over 4 billion dollars will be distributed to states for education reforms and innovations from the "Race to the Top" fund.

The Need to Address Affordable & Emergency Housing

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/29/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:23

Description: KLEW News reported that Community Action Partnership employees and volunteers are signing people up for their Weatherization Program. The new program will provide energy payment assistance to help roughly 5,000 homes in 10 northern counties in Idaho. Kim Briscoe, Program Coordinator says because of the Obama stimulus package the program is helping a lot of homes get weatherized and is also a step to get into all of the other Community Action Partnership programs.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/10/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:17

Description: KLEW News reported that the Clarkston City Council is leaning toward not raising property taxes. Last night the council held a public hearing on revenue sources for the 2010 budget, including property taxes. Terry Beadles, council member says next year is going to be a slow year for building permits and sales tax on building material for the city, so you can kind of keep that in mind as you look at revenue sources. Both council member Terry Beadles and John Smith indicated they were not interested in raising property taxes when homeowners are already taking a hit with the down economy.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/10/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:17

Description: KLEW News reported that Lewiston City Council wants more information before a developer gets the go ahead with plans for a halfway house by the Lewiston Nez Perce County Regional Airport. New Bridges Community Church Pastor Brad Bramlet is requesting a zone change that would allow for multi-family housing on Burrell Avenue. Bramlet told the council the goal is to provide transitional housing for men who need it. The proposal states residents will have full time on-site supervision, and will not be open to sex offenders.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/10/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:28

Description: Money Watch reported that home prices fell in eight out of ten U.S. cities in the last quarter. The flood of cheap foreclosures continues to hurt home values. The government reports some progress in its program to help struggling homeowners. More than 650,000 mortgage holders have used the administration's loan modification program to reduce their monthly payments. That is still only twenty percent of eligible borrowers, but officials say they're trying to increase participation.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/23/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:50

Description: KLEW News reported that Habitat for Humanity's "Blitz Build" the last two summers have resulted in three homes on Burrell Avenue in Lewiston. Construction Supervisor James Cooper was there for a ribbon-cutting for the new homes. He says Habitat for Humanity has to pick families that show the most need and who they feel could help the best.

The Need to Address Elected City/Government Relationships

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/7/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:31

Description: KLEW News reported that earlier this week, Lewiston decided to cancel their mutual aid agreement for fire and EMS services with the City of Clarkston. Clarkston Mayor Donna Engle says she hopes an agreement can be worked out. Engle had expected the cancellation on the emergency side for ambulance transport, but was not prepared for the cancellation on the fire side because mutual aid has worked beautifully for so many years. At the last Clarkston City Council meeting several councilors said they would be interested in re-negotiating mutual aid.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/8/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:06

Description: KLEW News reported that as plans move forward toward a semi-regional ambulance service in the valley, they may finally go forward without the city of Clarkston. At the EMS subcommittee meeting today, Asotin County Commissioners are suggesting Clarkston be taken off of the agreement. What has remained an empty signature line throughout the process may not be a signature line at all. According to Doug Mattoon taking Clarkston off would mean Lewiston would not have to hire an additional crew to staff an ambulance in the Clarkston Heights, but be able to shift current resources.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/13/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:48

Description: KLEW News reported that Clarkston City Councilor Bill Lomen questioned Mayor Donna Engle about why she disagrees with the council about starting a new ambulance service. Engle says she believes it is in the best interest of the people of Clarkston to maintain a valley-wide ambulance service. Especially considering that it would not cost the city money out of pocket, but just levy money and user fees. Council member Kathleen Warren says she believes that Lewiston will ask for more and more money and still have not provided accurate figures on costs. Lewiston Fire Department could lose their Washington Ambulance License if they don't serve the people of Clarkston.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/15/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:39

Description: KLEW News reported that The Lewiston Firefighters local union took down some of their election campaign signs today that read "If Havens and Kluss Win, Everyone Loses." Chairman of the firefighter's union political action committee Dave Stradley says it's important the public knows the voting history of Mayor Doug Havens and Council member Jim Kluss. Stradley read a statement from the union to explain why they took down the signs. Firefighter Union president Randy Arnold told Action News that the signs have already served their purpose by getting people to talk about the issues.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/22/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:26

Description: KLEW News reported that Monika Lawrence is challenging Councilman Larry Baumberger for his spot on the Clarkston City Council. Lawrence says Clarkston residents are concerned that the council isn't considering Lewiston, Clarkston and Asotin as one big community. Retired from the Lewiston School District she says she has experience in conflict resolution and feels people are tired of the bickering and finger pointing that has been happening between the cities.

The Need to Address Job Creation and Retention

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/5/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:34

Description: KLEW News reported that Walla Walla Community College Vice President of Administrative Services Jim Peterson says more people are choosing to wait out the bad economy and go to school. The Clarkston Campus is up twelve percent from last year with almost 540 full time students. The college as a whole has grown by thirteen percent. Peterson says that nationwide they are finding that as employment opportunities go down more people are investing in themselves and going to school when they might have otherwise chosen to enter the workforce.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/30/09, 5:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:32

Description: Money Watch reported that the White House says a new report shows federal stimulus efforts have created or saved more than 650,000 jobs so far. The Obama administration also says it's on track to reach the president's goal of 3.5 million jobs by the end of next year.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/6/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:46

Description: KLEW News reported that the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation recognized the Nez Perce County Sheriff's Office for their work on area waterways. Chief Deputy Alan Johnson says the sheriff's office benefits financially from each boat inspection, but more importantly each inspection is added assurance that boats are taking safety seriously when they launch. Johnson says the recognition doesn't only come in the form of a plaque in the lobby but also \$57,000 that will help pay for the two deputies currently staffed in the waterways program. Long range, we're looking at this as a way of funding another employee that would be assigned to waterways during the spring and summer.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 12/1/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:44

Description: KLEW News reported that the Port of Clarkston applied for \$300,000 in grants and \$700,000 in loans for the industrial park from the Washington State Community Revitalization Economic Development Board and last month the request was granted. The loan will be at zero percent interest rate and payment will be deferred for five years. Wanda Keefer, Port of Clarkston Manager, says that shows confidence in our ability to create jobs here in Asotin County. The money will go toward preparing the property for development which will include roads, sewer, water and broadband to the Evans Road property.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 12/16/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:32

Description: KLEW News reported that Washington Department of Transportation says there's enough federal stimulus money for twenty-four additional highway projects in the state due to lower construction bids. Contractors have been bidding below estimates to ensure they get a piece of the 492 million dollars in federal money in the state. That's resulted in over 12 million dollars for seven more state projects and 26 million dollars for 17 jobs authorized by cities and counties. The department says it will use its money for seven paving projects, five in Eastern Washington.

The Need to Address Volunteering & Public Support

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/1/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:03

Description: KLEW News reported that Triple-A's second annual "Soap for Hope" toiletry drive is aimed at getting your hotel room freebies. Triple-A is asking residents from Washington and Northern Idaho to pack what you don't use, and donate the toiletries to AAA on 12th Avenue in Lewiston. Last year they collected more than thirty thousand items during the drive. Any toiletry item is acceptable from soap and shampoo to razors and toothpaste. Triple-A will then donate it to different organizations in the community.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/6/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:30

Description: KLEW News reported that volunteers were busy loading up gift bags for the 2nd Annual Celebrating Women's Health event. Tri-State Foundation Community Relations Chairman, Ella Smith says tonight is a fun way to remind women of a serious issue. Fifteen bras designed by local artists will be on display at the Tri-State Hospital Imaging and Women's Diagnostic Center. The celebration will feature speakers, drawings and Hors d'oeuvres starting at 8pm tonight.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/20/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:16

Description: KLEW News reported that the staff from the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute teamed up with volunteers from Clearwater Paper to plant some trees and shrubs along the banks of Lindsay Creek near Gun Club Road today. Volunteer Coordinator Laura Milewski says it's a great partnership. She says Clearwater Paper volunteers have been really great in providing financial support and volunteering. Matt Van Fleet, of Clearwater Paper says, working with Palouse-Clearwater Environmental employees has been a natural fit with a strong track record for getting projects done.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/23/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:09

Description: KLEW News reported that Idaho Food Bank Director, Chuck Whitman says the demand is up and donations are down. With a thirty percent increase in demand, it doesn't mean those in need will go without. Whitman says they are still planning on handing out 1,500 turkeys this Thanksgiving and the same amount again in December. If you are in need of food for the holidays or want to donate, call the Food Bank. Whitman says food banks across the state will be delivering 800,000 of food to families this holiday season.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/24/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:35

Description: KLEW News reported that Community on Call, the Clarkston organization aimed at getting struggling citizens back on their feet, is hosting its annual Thanksgiving dinner tonight at the Community on Call headquarters in downtown Lewiston. Action News was there as volunteers were preparing the meal this afternoon. Director Steve Scaggs says the dinner is open to everyone.